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PRESIDENT: Senator Duis asks for unanimous consent to withdraw the one motion and substitute the one that he is talking about. Is there an objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered.

CLERK: All right. Now, Mr. President, that is the amendment on Page 1245 withdrawn. Now, Senator Duis offers the following amendment: Read. See Page 1262, Journal. Now, Mr. President, I move to amend the Duis amendment... but it doesn't fit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, could you approach your microphone so we could all share in this dialogue.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, what my amendment does is it replaces the \$96 with \$100. I feel, Mr. President, that this is a compromise. As the Chairman of the Labor Committee, I know what the climate is between labor and the employer and I think this would go and this bill would pass in this form. So I move that this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Read the Maresh amendment to the Duis amendment.

CLERK: The Maresh amendment reads as follows: Read. See Page 1262, Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, could you briefly tell Senator Maresh what your amendment does?

SENATOR DUIS: The amendment that I proposed would put the bill back in exactly the position it was when it came out of Committee with the Committee amendment adopted and take the emergency clause off so we would be at \$96.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to speak to your amendment or have you spoken to it?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, what my amendment does, is strike the \$96 and put in \$100. This was considered by the Committee and then was reconsidered and \$96 was inserted instead of \$100 and I think \$100 would be satisfactory to both labor and the industry.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will recognize Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would oppose this amendment because it is not what is going to be satisfactory with both parties and I have the feeling that we are going to lose this bill because the \$96 will carry, and so help me, I would like to see an increase given rather than none at all and the loss of the bill will put it right back at \$89. The reason I proposed my amendment was that we seemed to be getting along fine with it and it was going to go along and would give people who were injured some additional amount and I certainly hope that you will vote down the Maresh amendment and go ahead with the amendment as I have proposed here so that we will have an increase for our good people who are injured and who are covered by workmen's compensation.